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ACTS OF PREMIERS ARE MET BY SHARP LEAGUE COMMENT

South African and Canadian Criticism Aimed at French and British Leaders.

POLE CONTROL IN DANZIG **FAVORED BY COMMISSION**

Report Upon International Court Differs From Root Proposal in

Voluntary Jurisdiction. By the Associated Press. GENEVA, December 13 .- Military control of Danzig by Poland has been recommended to the council of the

league of natons in a report from the military commission. This recomendation, should it be adopted, would be in line with a request from the Polish government some time ago. It was alleged at that time that military control of the port of Danzig was necessary to insure the transport of food, munitions and raw material to Poland.

The council has decided to refer the report, along with a suggestion by Viscount Ishi of Japan that a military commission study the best means to defend the town, to the high commissioner, who will be asked to send in a report.

Governments Criticised.

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Separate action by the premiers of France and Great Britain on matters before the assembly of the league of nations are made the subject of sharp comment by the committee on adimsion of new states. Lord Robert Cecil, representative of South Africa; N. W. Rowell of Canada and Dr. Nansen of Norway agree in criticising the action of those governments which announced policies regarding such questions as the admission of Armenia through other channels than their representatives at the assembly meeting here, who are charged

to the league, was not present today.
Comment on the incident continues to be one of the predominant features of the meeting, the opinion being expressed that if powers are incidented this decision hinged on incident the level of taxes. being expressed that if powers desire to continue to treat such questions in the old form of diplomatic action they are not ready for the league of

Jurisdiction of Court.

in the fact that jurisdiction of the tribunal would be voluntary, instead of obligatory. obligatory: United States Senator Medill Mc-

ed to develop any extensive political discussion, the senator adhering to his decision not to speak in Europe on political subjects.

Final Week Begins Today. By Cable to The Star and Chicago Daily News. Copyright, 1920.

GENEVA, Switzerland, December 13. GENEVA. Switzerland. December 12. which, he said, have been steadily driven into tax-exempt securities. began today. The program calls for daily sessions, and the speakers with the exception of the committee chairmen are limited to ten minutes each. Two of the six general committees Two of the six general committees tion to permit taxation of state and are still to report and there is much local issues of securities.

dates and the international court of lay in establishing a flat income tax justice have not been disposed of on corporations to replace the excess. The delegates do not wish to pass Christmas in Switzerland and the peal. He suggested a rate of 16 per diplomatic representatives have their diplomatic representatives have their cent, families at various European capitals. The real work has all been done the committee rooms. The time said, there were about 120,000 core said, there were about 120,000 core said.

flood of words on trivial subjects with the main issues left undiscussed. The Canadian delegation feels this way. Argentina left because of this, and it is said that the French delegation is none too well pleased with the slow

Demand for German Action. By the Associated Press.

BERLIN. December 12.-The interallied military commission has repeated its demand for the immediate disband-ment and disarming of German defense organizations and requested immediate information as to what measures Germany intends to take with regard to the Count von Bernstorff, former German

ambassador to the United States, in an article written for the German society for a league of nations, says Germany's hopes for membership in the league of nations rest in an eventful union England and America to reform the league as constituted. The writer expresses the belief that an und ng for co-operation to this end is prob-

Directed by Irigoyen. BUENOS AIRES, December 12 .-President Irigoyen personally directed the course of the Argentine delegation at Geneva which resulted in its with-drawal from the assembly of the league of nations, says La Epoca, the govern-

ment organ, in an editorial praising the

attitude of Argentina relative to the It is possible the requests of the Peruvian and Bolivian governments for a revision of the treaty of Ancon and the treaty of 1904 between those nations and Chile, by which Chile came into posses-sion of the districts of Tacna and Arica, may come before the league of nations says a Geneva dispatch to La Nacio Poincare former president of the French who has consulted the Peruvian and Bolivian ministers in Paris and

VOTE GOLD FOR COLBY.

has presented his report to the league

Montevideo to Use 20,000 Pesos in

Entertaining Secretary. MONTEVIDEO, December 12 .- Presicent Brum today requested congress to grant a fund of 20,000 pesos, gold. or the entertainment of Secretary of

The fund was granted by unanimous

ARMENIAN TASK EXPECTED TO GO **TOMORGENTHAU**

White House officials intimated today their belief President Wilson had decided to name Henry Morgenthau, former ambassador to Turkey, to act as his personal representative to mediate between the Armenians and the Turkish nationalists.

While the President is known to have settled upon an appointment, no announcement of it has yet

Mr. Morgenthau already has said he would accept the commission if offered to him, explaining at the time that he was "always at the command of President Wilson, and would be happy to serve anywhere, and in any capacity he desired."

Mr. Morgenthau is now in Virginia, where he went ten days ago, following a call at the White House executive offices.

The appointment of a personal representative will be the result of the request of the assembly of the league of nations at Geneva. the league of nations at Geneva when that body sent a general in-vitation to all powers for assistance in rendering aid to stricken Armenia. Although not a mem-ber of the league of nations, the United States was included in the

CONGRESS BEGINS

Lively Committee Debate as **Nation's Revenue Needs** Are Taken Up.

bly meeting here, who are charged and views by Dr. Thomas S. Adams, Island because of an outbreak of Rene Viviani of France, who has tax expert and economist, who de-typhus among them.

"At Gloucester, N. J., eleven aliens Rene Viviani of France, who has been said to be most particularly annoyed by the declaration of the British and French premiers to the effect that Armenia should not be admitted to the league, was not present today, should be retained at \$4,000,000,000. ing so, the Treasury representative indicated this decision hinged on whether a reduction in tax rates was possible. He himself believed no reduction could or should be considered.

Lively Tilt Opens Session.

Leon Bourgeois of France has presented a report from the committee on an international court. The plan finally adopted by the committee differs from Elihu Root's plan, chiefly demanded that a statement on indemanded that a statement of in-cluded in the record showing the exact purpose of the hearings.

After several exchanges Mr. Ford-United States Senator Medill Mc-Cormick watched proceedings during this morning's session from the press gallery.

He had refused an invitation from the British delegation to occupy a the base contemplated revision of tax laws. He said he planned to continue the hearings to December 23 and then to adjourn to January 6, when tariff questions would be

Explains Treasury Report.

Dr. Adams in beginning his testimony plunged immediately into an explanation of the Treasury report, taking up first the question of reaching Perlman, New York; Peters. Maine: the greater incomes of the country, Smith, Illinois; Seigel, New York;

nunished business.

The questions as to the admission Mr. Fordney said he believed a posstates, disarmament man- sible means of raising more revenue which was estimated to yield more than the present profits tax. of the assembly itself was occupied principally by delegates passing bouquets back and forth.

Many were disappointed with this equitable distribution of the tax burequitable distribution of the tax bur-

An Unpleasant Feature.

"But you may as well face the unpleasant feature of that plan, too," pany reduced its list price another Dr. Adams interrupted. "A corpora- half cent to the basis of 81/4 cents per tion just established or just getting on a paying basis may, for the pur-pose of argument, be earning only 2 per cent on its capital stock. Sixteen per cent of that as an income tax is pretty heavy drag. Yet it is the simplest method I know of and brings you and the committee to the point where it is necessary to determine your policy regarding a progressive income tax as the principal source of

revenue." The committee, Mr. Fordney said. was not at this time going further than to obtain all pros and cons of the revenue questions. Throughout Dr. Adams' testimony he strongly in-dicated that the Treasury desired for the committee to lead the way and that it hoped only to aid in supplying the committee with such information as it had available. As a reply to these suggestions Mr. Fordney told these suggestions Mr. Fordney told Dr. Adams that when the committee "gets down to the work of drafting a bill" it desired to have him assist.

Only Two Days Left For Final Payment

which the fourth and final installment of income and excess profit taxes for the calendar year of 1919 can be paid, as the law requires that the money be in the hands of the bureau of internal revenue officials at the close of business December 15. cione of business December 15.
Failure to pay necessitates an addition of 5 per cent to the amount of the tax due, and collection of interest at the rate of one-half of 1 per cent

Payments may be made in peror sent by mail to "The Col-lector of Internal Revenue, Haltimore, Md."

IMMIGRATION BILL, YEAR BAN, PASSED BY HOUSE, 293-41

Measure Is Sent to Senate. Where Leaders Predict Its Defeat.

TWO-YEAR PROVISION FAILS BY 181 TO 165

Exemption of Brothers and Sisters of Citizens Carried by Rising

The Johnson immigration bill, as amended to prohibit all immigration for a period of one year, was passed today by the House.

Vote of 203 to 76.

It now goes to the Senate, where its defeat is predicted by Senate leaders. The vote was 293 for the bill, 41 against. Six members voted "pres-

Last-minute attempts by House leaders to restore to the Johnson bil the clause restricting immigration for two years failed today, the House approving by a vote of 181 to 165 the Mann amendment limiting the barring of aliens to one year.

The Siegel amendment exempting brothers and sisters of citizens was carried by a rising vote of 203 to 76.

On a rising vote previously taken the House voted 58 for the one-year restriction and 67 for the two-year restriction, originally proposed by the bill. On a roll call, however, the amendment was carried.

amendment was carried. Johnson's Stutement. Chairman Johnson of the immigra-

tion committee issued a statement following the passage of his bill, which read in part, as follows:

"The 1,250 immigrants who arrived Informed of the Treasury's attitude Adriatic have been sent to Hoffman

> closing the doors of that republic to immigrants, owing to the spread of a House conferees on his bill propos-mysterious disease known as malady ing to change the fiscal relations been No. 9, with which tens of thousands tween the federal government and of Polish and Russian refugees to Paris have suffered the past year, "French police say that thousands of

Scandinavian Guarantees.

"I desire to call attention to the fact that no aliens are coming aims keep all the money which Congress. lessly to the United States from Nor-way, Sweden and Denmark. Laws of these countries forbid. Those with lessly to the United States from Nor-

these countries forbid. Those who come to the United States from these countries come with just such guarantees as this bill provides.

"In the meantime, while we are splitting hairs over the method of proposition was opposed on the supplication of the countries of the countrie

Republicans-Britten, Illinois; Bur-dick, Rhode Island; Copley, Illinois; Glynn, Connecticut: Greene, Massa-chusetts; Hickey, Indiana; Juul. Il-linois; Kennedy, Rhode, Island; Luce. Massachusetts; MacCrate, New York; Tilson, Connecticut; Tinkham, Massachusetts; Vare, Pennsylvania; Wood,

Democrats — Babka. Ohio: Bee, Texas: Carew. New York; Cleary, New York; Coady, Maryland; Cullen, New York; Donovan, New York; Eagan, New Jersey; Gallivan, Massachusetts; Goldfogle, New York; Johnston, New York; McAndrews, Ilinois; McGlennon, New Jersey; Mead, New York; Minahan, New Jersey; McKiniry, New York; Mooney, Ohio; Pell, New York; Phelan, Massachusetts; Rainey, New York; Phelan, P Illinois; Sabath, Illinois; Sullivan, New York, and Tague, Massachusetts.

REFINED SUGAR DROPS TO 8 1-4 CENTS A POUND NEW YORK, December 13.-New

low record prices were established for refined sugar here today. The Federal Sugar Refining Com-

pound for fine granulated. Other refiners, who had maintained ence prices of 9 cents, reduced possible. their quotations to 8% cents. A renewed break in the raw sugar market was attended by another drop of ¼ cent a pound, to the basic of 4.76 for centrifugal, a new low record

BIG SUGAR SUIT SEEKS TO SPEED **TO TESTRIGHT TO** DISTRICT TAX BILL CANCEL ORDERS

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., December

13.—The Franklin Sugar Refining

Company last night announced it had

entered suit for \$93,534 against

Reeves, Parvin & Co., wholesale

grocers, to cover losses incurred by

the alleged cancellation of contracts

for the delivery of 2.325 barrels of refined sugar. W. W. Frazier, jr., vice president of the refining com-pany, in a statement, said the grocery concern agreed last July to

buy the sugar at 22½ cents a pound, but when prices slumped it repudi-ated the order.

In explaining the stand taken by the grocery firm, F. V. Reeves, jr., said that the order was made upon

said that the order was made upon "representation that sugar would continue to be very scarce and that unless the wholesalers accepted the allotments they would be unable to obtain any sugar at all."

No contract between the refining company and the wholesalers was made, he declared.

Mr. Reeves said the suit was in the nature of a test case and that forty.

nature of a test case and that forty-six concerns in Philadelphia and sur rounding districts had taken the

same stand in the matter as his firm

volved in the claims of the American Sugar Refining Company, of which the Franklin is a subsidiary."

FOR U. S. EMPLOYES

Extra Time Before Christmas

and New Year Is Urged

by Secretary Payne.

Christmas and New Year appeared

It was learned that Secretary Payne

The stand understood to have been

of the government departments and

of the District government was can-

celed the morning of November 24, after practically all the heads of de-

partments had authorized such a half-holiday. Cancellation of the half-

holiday disrupted plans of hundreds of

federal employes and marked a new departure in carrying on the work of

and on that account the order can-celing the half-day was made to in-clude all the other departments. Although Christmas and New Year have never been designated as holi-days, each Secretary informally ex-cuses the employes of his department

Definite Ruling Sought.

Now it appears that the half-day preceding the regular holidays is to

the departments.

on those days.

HALF DAYS LIKELY

Mapes Will Ask Conference Tomorrow on Measure

Now Pending.

Chairman Mapes of the House Dis trict committee said today that he will endeavor to arrange a conference tomorrow between the Senate and

tween the federal government and the District government. "French police say that thousands of Por many years efforts to abolish the these immigrants are crossing the half-and-half principle of financing the Before Dr. Adams began his testimony a lively tilt ensued between Chairman Fordney and Representative Garner, democrat. Texas, who demanded that a statement be in-

the British delegation to occupy a seat with the delegates. His presence in the press section appeared to attract little attention. The senator followed closely the debate on the international court project.

After leaving the assembly Senator McCormick had luncheon in private, and left for Budapest at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The dinner given in his honor last night by A. J. Balfour of the British delegation fail
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to continue the hearings to December to denuary such that the delegation fail
to continue the hearings to December to countries come with just such guarantees as this bill provides.

"In the meantime, while we are splitting hairs over the method of suspension, the communist party of America has flooded the country with the most vicious circulars it has yet the most vicious circulars it has yet out. It calls for straightout revolution."

Record of Vote.

Those voting against the bill were: Republicans—Britten. Illinois: Buramendment, which removed the limitation on the Commissioners' estimates. provided adjustment of resources to prevent both surpluses and deficits, established a sliding scale tax rate

to meet the requirements of capital maintenance, and based all on the principle of a definite contribution by the United States. The bill thus amended by the Senate went into conference between the two houses, from which it has not yet been reported. Meanwhile the 59-50 porportion of District-federal contribution was changed to 60-40 tion as an amendment to the District favorable today. appropriation bill for the current fis-

cal year as a temporary arrangement. Planning New Measure.

Chairman Davis and Chairman of the employes of the government departments in Washington and will urge upon the cabinet, at its meetion of framing the new appropriations leasing government employes at noon bill for the District for the on December 24 and on December 24 fiscal year 1922 upon the same 60-40 Secretary Payne, it is understood, fixed proportion. The District approclaims that government employes priation bill will be the first one should be allowed an extra half day reported from the committee to the to do whatever shopping they have to House, and is expected to be reported do just prior to Christmas and New

on Thursday.

Chairman Mapes is anxious to get a conference report on his legislative bill proposing a change in the fiscal The stand understood to have been conference. relations before the House at an taken by Mr. Payne follows cancelpropriation bill is reported. He will lation of te usual half-day on the endeavor this afternoon to arrange day preceding Thanksgiving day. In with Senator Sherman for a conference of the conferees tomorrow, if House a half-holiday for all employes

CUT IN TWO BY SAW.

of 4 cent a pound, to the basic of 4.76 for centrifugal, a new low record for the year. Raw sugar now is more than 20 cents a pound less than the highest of the season and only about a cent or two above the pre-war level. HERNDON, Va., December 13 (Special).—Jake Allen, colored, aged thirty-three, was instantly killed yesterday on the farm of Allan Bradley, near here. In some way, when putting a heavy log on the wood saw he fell and the saw cut him in two.

PRESIDENT TO PROVIDE FOR 20 EUROPEAN WAIFS

his "fellow countrymen" to contrib- banished children, pitiful conseute funds to save three and one-half quences of the world war, must die million children who "are facing unless aid is sent. starvation in central Europe." The President announced that he would the European relief council will save the life of one child. For concerted

This appeal follows the request made last week by Arthur C. Moses, chairman of the local committee of this relief movement, who called at

"It is estimated that they can be tided over until the next harvest by money and service equivalent to \$30 per child. The countries involved can per child. The countries involved can are two-thirds of this cost in the countries involved the country that the child country the child country that the furnish two-thirds of this cost in the personnel and machinery for distribution, but for the other one-third

solicit the President's aid.
"Three and a half million children are facing starvation in central Europe," said the President's statement.
"It is estimated that they come."

President Wilson today called upon | Europe, where orphans, destitute "Ten dollars contributed through

adopt twenty of these children as his effort there have been combined in American friends service committee, Jewish joint distribution committee. Federal Council of Churches of Christ made last week by Arthur C. Moses, chairman of the local committee of this relief movement, who called at the White House executive offices to the White House executive offices to the President's aid. this sad European problem in terms of children rather than in money. Ten dollars will represent a child's life in Condition of Victoria, However.

be brought up for final settlement. By order of the President, dated De-cember 23, 1919, per diem employes temporary wards, and said that \$10 this council eight well known organ-contributed through the European relief council would save the life of a relief council would save the life of a relief association, American Red Cross, American friends service committee. has ever been issued for the regular employes of the departments. It is understood Secretary Payne will endeavor to have an order applying the same rule to all othe **EX-EMPRESS IMPROVES.**

By the Associated Press. DOORN, Holland, December 12.-Former Empress Augusta Victoria of bution, but for the other one-third they must look abroad, and they are looking to us.

"Since 1914 our people have given with unparalleled generosity, and they should not be lightly called upon for additional charities. But there is a life and death situation in central they must perish."

Former Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany, continues to improve in health, but her condition still is critical.

Former Frinces Eltel Fredrich and August William, respectively, second and fourth sons of the former empress, and fourth sons of the former empress, have returned to Germany.

Still Is Critical.

HARDING AROUSES ANTI-LEAGUE MEN

Irreconcilables Disturbed by His Attitude—Mention of

ing is veering toward the present coming administration. It has been league of nations and has about made up his mind that the machinery of the league must be used, even though amendments and reservations freeing amendments and reservations freeing report. America from obligations or entanglements shall be the basis of American co-operation with the other nations.

The Harding of the same of the basis of American co-operation with the other nations.

Is showing a marked friendliness to Herbert Hoover and has hinted that he wants him in the cabinet.

When President-elect Harding was in Washington, it was learned today, he amazed certain members of the irreconcilable group by his friendly references to Mr. Hoover. He got some frank expressions of criticism

n return.

It will not be forgotten that Senator Hiram Johnson, leader of the irreconcilables, fought Mr. Hoover in irreconcilables, fought Mr. Hoover in the California primaries and that the sores of that fight have not altogether healed. So when Mr. Harding comes along and says nice things about Mr. Hoover and hints that the latter may be cabinet timber—though forsooth he is careful not to say he intends to select him—there is natural dismay in the Johnson cann. dismay in the Johnson camp.

Comment by Penrose, Mr. Johnson is not the only one who Probability of a half holiday for government employes on the days before of Mr. Hoover for the cabinet, is quoted by the league of nations to help for the cabinet, is quoted by the league of nations to help for the cabinet, is quoted by the league of nations to help for the cabinet, is quoted by the league of nations to help for the cabinet, is quoted by the league of nations to help for the cabinet, is quoted by the league of nations to help for the cabinet.

of Mr. Hoover to the cabinet has stirred nations, completed today a trinity of ulars stood guard today over twisted of the Interior Department has offiup some interesting discussion on Capiminds consecrated to the idea of an
and blackened ruins left by the firm
association or a league having for its
which Saturday night and yesterday the party, of course, are heard. Some of the senators have begun referring again to Mr. Hoover's long residence in England, while others have revived the controversy about the fixing of the price and all three have had the advantable with of wheat, which Mr. Hoover insists he didn't do, but which was the work of the man who on March 4 next will a special commission appointed by the assume executive direction of the

President. Nevertheless, in the scramble for cab-inet positions, the friends of those who want positions in the cabinet and want want positions in the carrier and want to eliminate Mr. Hoover because of the suggestion that he will be the only western man chosen are beginning to unite and Mr. Root, who could have almost and Mr. Root, who could have almost against Mr. Hoover.

The understanding here is that Senator Harding is thinking of Mr. Hoover

and Mr. Root, who could have almost any position of prominence he determined to the standard provided the standard provided to tor Harding is thinking of Mr. Hoover for Secretary of the Interior, particular-ly because Mr. Hoover is a western man,

Today's News

and is a successful engineer who could

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It was understood that Secretary Houston of the Treasury Department and Postmaster General Burieson claimed stress of work prevented allowing the employes of their respective departments the half-day, and on that account the order. days before Christmas and New Year to come before cabinet. Page 1 to come before cabinet. Page 1 sonal contact between the next President and a man known the country framing new revenue legislation.

> attitude on league and Hoover advice on the league. Canadian wheat is being rushed to U. laws.

Soldier burned to death in fire at Walter Reed Hospital.

Page 2 Civil Service Commission urges Congress to start reclassification. Page 3 Vanderlip obtained rich Russian oil con-cessions, says Krassin. Page 7 cessions, says Krassin. Soviet sends protest on Greece to al-

KEEP CHAIRMAN WHITE.

Machinery Intact.

Following conferences in the past few days of leading democrats in the Senate and House, who are also th leaders in the party organization, with Chairman White of the democratic national committee, it has been definitely decided that Chairman White must retain the chairmanship and keep the national machinery in Looting General in City After

The policy of the democrats in the incoming Congress will be, it is said, not to begin at the outset attacks on the republicans, but to bide their time, give the opposition a chance to show its hand and let the future determine the general political policies of the party.

HARDING CONFERS WITH ELIHU ROOT

Today's Meeting at Marion Regarded as Most Important Yet Held.

By the Associated Press. MARION, Ohio, December 13.-Advice on the plan for an association of nations was sought by President-elect Harding today from Elihi Root, former the greatest difficulty in keeping the Secretary of State and more recently a thousands of spectators from the conferee with leading European states- wrecked premises, the walls of which men in the formation of a world court threaten to collapse. under the Versailles league covenant. The conference, regarded as one of the most important to be held by Mr. Hard-presented the appearance of having ing in his "meeting of minds" here, is understood to have concerned chiefly the question of how far the machinery of

the present league may be used in building a world peace concert accept-able to the United States. Throughout the league fight Mr. Root advocated acceptance of the Versailles covenant with reservations, and during the world court conference abroad he expressed much faith in some portions of the covenant. Details of his talk with Mr. Harding today were not revealed, however, both he and the President-elect saying his recommendations were entirely confidential.

HIS ATTITUDE—MEITHUIT OF Asks About Practical Working.

Hoover Annoys Them.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.

Two things are disturbing the members of the so-called group of "irreconcilables" who oppose the entrance of the United States into any association or league of nations whatever.

One is that President-elect Harding is understood to have sought in particular information about the practical working of the league as observed by the former Secretary of State during his visits to Europe. Questions on the same subject were put by Mr. Harding yesterday to Herbert Hoover, who recommended that the league machinery with changes be used in rearing the proposed association of nations.

The visit of Mr. Root's advice, Mr. Harding is understood to have sought in particular information about the practical working of the league as observed by the former Secretary of State during his visits to Europe. Questions on the same subject were put by Mr. Harding yesterday to Herbert Hoover, who recommended that the league machinery with changes be used in rearing the proposed association of nations.

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Brought to Sway Harding Away From League Idea BY ROBERT T. SMALL.

President-elect Harding respectings the league of nations, his early conferences on the subject all have had to do with persons who believe that the future of the United States is tied up with the best that Europe has to highly in the fields. up with the best that Europe has to night in the fields.

Offer in the way of an international Throughout Sunday the panic con offer in the way of an international tinued and an exodus from the center being brought to bear to sway the President-elect away from any arrangement with European powers, but Mr. Harding continues to consult with those who have had experiwould regard the appointment of Mr. ence abroad and who bring to his Hoover in the same way as waving a counsel of "best minds" their con-

as having said he regarded such talk mulate the international tribunal fact is, the possible appointment the supreme court of the league Some purpose the peace of the world.
erring Charles Evans Hughes, Herbert tage of the first formal talks with assume executive direction of United States of America. Col. Harvey Close By.

Mr. Hughes, who is being promifirst had the ear of the next Presi dent. Friends of the league of na-tions idea, while citing these inci-dents, have been confronted by the fact that during the conferences of that during the conferences of the last few days the most intimate man with Senator Harding has been Col. George Harvey, an implacable foe of any association of nations, a man who has lampooned President Wilson and every one associated with in Paragraphs
Chairman Mapes of House District committee seeks to speed fund bill.

Wilson and every one associated with the peace meetings at Paris and Versailles. Col. Harvey is continuing as a guest of Senator Harding while the friends of the league are being the ard. The influence, therefore, that committee seeks to speed fund bill.

Page 1

Half holidays for federal employes on days before Christmas and New Year to come before cabinet.

Page 1 Page 1 of nations has to offer.

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Mr. Harding has been known to river, is a mass of desolation.

Mr. Harding has been known to Dispatches reaching London. Irreconcilables disturbed by Harding lean keenly toward the international Page 1 court idea which Mr. Root represents. It was reported last summer that Mr. President Wilson to adopt temporarily Harding might adopt the Root court twenty European waifs. Page 1 scheme as his own solution of the Harding confers with Root to get his international problems of America. but when Mr. Root came home it was adian wheat is being rushed to U.

in anticipation of change in tariff establish while abroad was a tribush ws.

Page 2 bunal inextrically interwoven with conjectural.

his mind in no respect as to the desirability of the United States enter-Senator Dillingham introduces bill defi-nitely limiting immigration into the United States.

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William Denman, first chairman of the Shipping Board, tells investigating committee he approved employment of R. W. Bolling in 1917.

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Former King Constantine refuses to abdicate.

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Italians desert with armored cars to join d'Annunzio. Page 13
Reduction in wages for 16,000 textile workers announced. Page 13
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Meredith urges Page 13 upon the purchasing power of Europe. sympa- It is valueless to lend Europe money

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Democrats Act to Retain Party FIRE DESTROYS 300

BUILDINGS IN CORK: BRITISH ON GUARD

Shoot Thieves. THREE BLOCKS IN RUINS

IN BUSINESS DISTRICT

Conflagration—Orders to

City Hall Burned and Carnegie Library Partially Destroyed.

Looters Ordered Shot.

By the Associated Press.
CORK, Ireland, December 13.— More than 300 buildings are said to have been destroyed in the fires which yesterday laid waste a great part of this city. Most of the fires have been extinguished, but there are occasional sporadic outbursts of flames

The police and military are having St. Patrick street, one of the main

been wrecked by an earthquake. Looting has been general. Outside the fire zone the police selzed a gang of burglars who were killing a woman.

The week end of terror and wild destruction through which Cork passed left in its train a terrible welter of ruin. There have been no fresh outbreaks of shooting, and the conflagrations mostly burned themselves out, but today the finest part of the city lay a mass of ruins. In St. Patrick street, which was the main commercial artery of the city, solid blocks of business premises, the most imposing in Cork, have been wiped out.
The city engineer stated today that

the destruction was on a scale too great for him to make an immediate great for him to make an immediate estimate of the number of buildings destroyed, but in other quarters it was said more than three hundred had been burned with the loss of more than 3,000,000 pounds sterling.

Fro St. Patrick street the flames passed rapidly to the more congested mass of buildings at the back and at some points apparatizated a disat some points penetrated a distance of one hundred yards. The main area of destruction was confined to this side of the river Lee, but on the other side the city half and Carnegie library were destroyed.
From the position of these buildings witr relation to the main are of destruction it seems clear they suffer-

ed from independent acts of incen Terror Is Unparalleled. It was a matter of wonder in Cork

today that no one appears to have perished in the flames. This was due largely to the fact that most of the MARION, December 13.—Whatever may be the ultimate resolution of President-elect Hardin.

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of the city occurred. Strong mobile bodies of soldiers took possession of the streets to prevent further acts of incendiarism and attempts at looting. The curiew hours passed quietly.

Today life in Cork was strangely quiet, with crowds gazeless, hopeless and awed at the heaps of smoking ruins. The belief is general that the fires unquestionably were the result

of incendiarism. Troops on Gnard. LONDON, December 13.-British reg

swept virtually unchecked through the city of Cork, Ireland. Estimates of the loss run as high as \$15,000,000. Hours of terror were spert by the people of Cork during Saturday night the wildest disorder prevailing through-out the city. It is said several lives were lost, and dispatches declare two brothers named Delaney were called from their home and shot, one of them

fatally. Two districts of Cork were swept by the flames. In the business section, along St. Patrick's street, from Cork to Maylor, hardly a shop was left un-scathed. This was the shopping center of Cork, and in untroubled times boasted many prosperous stores. South of S. Patrick's street the fire ran uncontrolled along Winthron street and other art row thoroughtares, as far street. Thus an area of three blocks this part of the town was reduced :

City Hall Destroyed. It was not in this district, however,

that the loss from the fire was cen-tered. The magnificent city half of cork, located on the southern end of cork, located on the southern end of the Parnell bridge that spans the River Lee, was also laid in ruins. In addition, the Carnegie Library, just across Anglesea street, to the west, was burned, and the corn exchange, just behind the city hall and to the south, was at least partially destroyed. Reports say Albert quay lying along the southern bank of the said that Cork was quiet and tha orders had been given the regular soldiers to shoot looters on sight. Damaged premises have been plun-

dered in some instances, it is said, but the military is in absolute control at present. Rumors relative to the loss of life are conflicting and are, for the most part, vague and Exact details of the events leading Hoover's Stand Unaltered.

Mr. Hoover, during his stay in Marion, let it be known rather plainly that the recent election had altered his mind in or respect as to the delivery to the securacy of earlier distributions of the events leading up to the configuration of Saturday night have not as yet been received here. Some reports tend to question the accuracy of earlier distribution the accuracy of earlier distributions in the start of the configuration of Saturday night have not as yet been received here.

Traced to Ambush. All indicate that the disorders and fires had a direct connection with the attack made upon the lorry carrying police auxiliaries. Some newspapers reply to the establishment of martial law in southwestern Ireland, and it is remarked that dispatches have

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